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## MEXICO'S CAPITAL BECOMING GREAT CITY OF REFUGEES

### Revolution Drives Foreigners in From Lonely Outside Districts

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 30.—Mexico's capital is slowly becoming a city of refugees. Foreigners, especially Americans, have been leaving for months and hundreds of Mexicans of the city on account of the deplorable conditions created by civil war. The number of those deserting, however, is not so large as that of those who have fled here from the plantations, mines, and smaller cities and towns of the interior.

Possibly the population of the capital is slightly greater now than it has ever been, but dealers in those articles classified as luxuries complain bitterly of the state of affairs.

Prices of staple supplies have continued to increase on account of the decreased production throughout the republic and reports from the agricultural districts give little hope of relief. There has been but little crop planting in numerous districts. Men who formerly worked in the fields and factories now find that campaigning with the rebel chiefs is quite as profitable and much more diverting, notwithstanding the drastic measures authorized by the government for their extermination.

Still interested in Opera. Residents of the capital appear not to be greatly perturbed by the knowledge that a score of states are embarrassed by rebels. Society is still looking forward with great interest to the opening of the opera season next month and the devotees of the bull fight are displaying a keen interest in the inauguration of the winter season of fights. The management of the big steel bull ring has gone ahead with its plans for bringing to Mexico the best matadors obtainable this year—Machaguito, Punzarot and Gilito—confident, apparently, that the residents of this capital, whether governed by Madero, Orozco or Zapata, will yet provide its quota of some twenty thousand every Sunday to witness the skillful work of "the great" Spanish "Torreros."

The president himself appears not to let the disturbed conditions in his country interfere greatly with his social movement and a not infrequent note in the morning papers is one telling of a picnic attended by the

president and Mrs. Madero, and a the presence of the president.

Shows For The Poor. Free cinematograph shows were established recently in various parts of the city in order to interest the poorer people of the city in ways that are peaceful, one of the problems of the present government of the federal district has been studying for several months.

The invitation to attend them has been eagerly accepted. Agents were appointed to select the films with a view to seeing that none of an objectionable class were shown.

Trousers are now to be provided by the government for the Mexican Indians when they visit the town. In the days of the Diaz regime repeated efforts were made to induce the Indian population of the federal district to substitute real trousers for the white cotton limitations they wore, but never with any great success.

Police Mexico was not so much shocked by the appearance of her simple sons in apparel more suggestive of the underwear than the pantaloons as she was embarrassed. Her attitude was of that "What will other people say?"

The new regime is no less insistent that the Indians must "dress up" when they come to town; so governor Gonzales Garza has decreed that they must abandon their white cotton clothing at the edge of the city, where from the government stores they will be compelled to purchase real trousers at 50 centavos a pair.

Encouraging Fruit Culture. To encourage the culture of fruit in that state, the legislature of Vera Cruz has recently made an appropriation to provide prizes to be distributed among the ranch owners who make the fruit progress in the fruit-growing industry. Prizes of from one hundred to one thousand dollars will be awarded to whoever shall plant and be the first to harvest crops of oranges, pineapples and mangoes.

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## HONOLULU CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE STATES FORM ASSOCIATION

Once more Honolulu Chinese have come to the front. Four thousand miles away from this little island Territory, in the Middle States, there came into existence a society of culture which adopted the name "Honolulu Chinese College Club in the United States." To the versatile C. Q. Chin, or C. Quon Chin, as he is popularly known to Honolulu of Purdue University, Indiana, to him was given the honor of being the first president to direct the policy of this live-wire organization.

Mail advices yesterday brought the news of the birth of this club and the information concerning the objects and the ambitious program it is to put into force. Perhaps the most surprising fact revealed was the enlistment of thirty-eight former Honolulu Chinese students now attending American colleges and universities, as members of this club. There are still about a dozen of these Chinese students scattered in various sections of the United States to be heard from. Another unknown fact is that already seventeen former Honolulu Chinese students have earned their college degrees and are now out in the world to do things. All these graduates can become alumni members of this college club, and it is to these men and women who have already traversed the paths of obstacles that the club will look for guidance.

An inquiry was made of the whereabouts of these Chinese college men and coeds who have already received their sheepskins. It was learned that fourteen out of the seventeen are now located in China and the remaining three have but recently returned from America to this city.

"Hawaii does not offer them the opportunity to make practical application with the knowledge which they have so eagerly swallowed during their college career," remarked one Chinese college graduate now in the city. "Just because a man's skin is yellow is no sign that he is not worth every cent of two hundred dollars a month. There you get the reason for the migration of these Chinese college graduates to wider fields."

Information from the most reliable sources brought out the fact that all the Chinese college students, with two exceptions, have made good and established enviable reputations. While here they have not been given the chance, but placed in strange environments they readily get themselves properly adjusted to the new conditions of affairs which they have to face. Quietly have they slipped away from these shores after their graduation from Oahu College or the McKinley High, and almost every single one of them has to work part of his way through college. With the pluck and perseverance so characteristic of the Chinese race, they succeed and come out on top in spite of the odds against them.

With the birth of the Honolulu Chinese College Club in the United States, this organization is perhaps the largest Honolulu society existing anywhere outside of the islands. The Club seeks to get into close touch

with every Honolulu Chinese pursuing a higher education and is the only medium by which all Honoluluans can be reached. To make things easier in the future for Chinese students having returned from these shores, the Club will devise means to help them and to inform them of the best institutions to follow their chosen profession. The best part is that they will assemble every summer for a week, in order to exchange new ideas gained from their residence at about a score of college towns and at the same time to give Hawaii a boost by means of free concerts and speeches. It is hoped by this way that the American people can be educated so that they will know their Oriental brethren better.

Some interesting history behind the newly organized college club can be given. It was immediately after the summer conference of the Chinese Students' Alliance of the Mid-West Section at Ann Arbor, Michigan, that fourteen of the former Honolulu Chinese students decided to have a grand reunion in the nature of a genuine Chinese banquet at Detroit. There the good points of such a college club were thrashed out thoroughly by C. Q. Chin, now its first president. The necessity of such an organization was a pet idea of three men—Albert Church of Cornell, Kim Tong Ho of the University of Wisconsin and C. Q. Chin of Purdue. During the seven-day Chinese conference last year at Madison, Wisconsin's famous college town, the three laid the matter before 3 other Honoluluans who traveled hundreds of miles to enjoy a brief vacation.

News of the actual birth of the Honolulu Chinese College Club in the United States is now given to Honolulu for the first time. With C. Q. Chin as president, Miss Ethel L. Toma of the University of Illinois as secretary, and Dr. John Y. Woo of Missouri as treasurer, the destinies of the club will be in safe hands. It is reported that at least fifteen Chinese students now attending Honolulu schools will go across the Pacific as soon as they have accumulated enough cash, part of which will go to the Honolulu Chinese College Club in the United States.

The graft charges in the police department of San Francisco are being investigated and startling disclosures are rumored. The matter will be placed before the grand jury.



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